

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
5 Section 25.5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/25.5)

7 Sec. 25.5. Death Certificate Surcharge Fund. The
8 additional \$2 fee for certified copies of death certificates
9 and fetal death certificates must be deposited into the Death
10 Certificate Surcharge Fund, a special fund created in the State
11 treasury. Beginning 30 days after the effective date of this
12 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and until January
13 1, 2003 and then beginning again on July 1, 2003 and until July
14 1, 2005, moneys in the Fund, subject to appropriation, may be
15 used by the Department for the purpose of implementing an
16 electronic reporting system for death registrations as
17 provided in Section 18.5 of this Act. Before the effective date
18 of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, on and
19 after January 1, 2003 and until July 1, 2003, and on and after
20 July 1, 2005, moneys in the Fund, subject to appropriations,
21 may be used as follows: (i) 25% by the Coroner Training Board
22 for the purpose of training coroners, deputy coroners, forensic
23 pathologists, and police officers for death investigations and

1 lodging and travel expenses relating to training, (ii) 25% for
2 ~~grants by the Department of Public Health for~~ distribution to
3 all local county coroners and medical examiners or officials
4 charged with the duties set forth under Division 3-3 of the
5 Counties Code, who have a different title, ~~for equipment and~~
6 ~~lab facilities~~, (iii) 25% by the Department of Public Health
7 for the purpose of setting up a statewide database of death
8 certificates and implementing an electronic reporting system
9 for death registrations pursuant to Section 18.5, and (iv) 25%
10 for distribution ~~a grant by the Department of Public Health~~ to
11 local registrars. Officials receiving distributions from the
12 Department of Public Health shall submit a letter of
13 verification to the Department indicating that funds received
14 under this Section were used as prescribed in this Section.
15 Officials receiving distributions from the Department of
16 Public Health that fail to provide the letter of verification
17 shall be ineligible for distributions for the following 3
18 consecutive years unless a suitable letter of verification is
19 provided to the Department.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-408, eff. 1-1-16.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.